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## **WILLIAMS' QUALITY ASTER PLANTS**

Knowing that you are interested in Good Asters I am sending you this little catalogue to tell you about the newest and best varieties of Asters.

If my brief message arouses your desire to grow my Quality Asters and proves my claims to your own satisfaction, it will have served its purpose.

Williams' Quality Aster Plants are grown only on my own farms at Baldwinsville, N. Y.

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## **NEW WHITE PEERLESS**

These magnificent large double white flowers, four inches in diameter, borne upon long stems, are excellent for cutting. The long broad petals are curled as to give the blossom the appearance of a graceful chrysanthemum. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **ASTER PEACH BLOSSOM**

The plants are uniformly large and vigorous, producing long stems each crowned with a perfect flower, full and double. Its habits, together with its attractive color cannot fail to make it one of the most popular asters. Color a delicate violet pink. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **CARLSON GEM**

A beautiful variety of aster of the late branching type, with large, loosely arranged flowers, which are perfectly double, and of a beautiful, delicate shade of lavender, flowers are borne on long stems and are excellent for cutting. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **ROYAL PURPLE**

A new strain of late branching asters, growing about 15 inches high. Its habits of growth are entirely distinct, the stems growing directly from the ground and not on side shoots from the main stem, like other varieties. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **AMERICAN BEAUTY**

This exceedingly showy and mammoth aster is probably one of the most popular and satisfactory of all asters. A strong and rampant grower producing immense flowers five to six inches in diameter, borne on long stiff stems. Color a **PEACE**

A magnificent New White Comet aster. This is conceded to be the finest White Comet ever offered. The plants are of robust habit. Petals are long and narrow, the outer ones rather flat, while those which cover the center are curled and twisted, giving the blossoms a most artistic appearance. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **ENCHANTRESS CREGO PINK**

This aster is the nearest approach to a chrysanthemum of any flower grown. It is unusually large in size, running 4 to 5 inches in diameter, when well grown. The petals are about double the length of those in the older varieties, and are twisted and curled in such a manner as to give the blossoms an exceedingly beautiful fluffy appearance. Color a beautiful shade of shell pink. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **AMERICA**

The flowers resemble huge incurved chrysanthemums. The color is a deep rose pink, of marvelous beauty. The robust plants produce extra long stiff stems 20 inches long. Every stem is crowned with gigantic flowers. One of the best American asters. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **THE PRESIDENT**

The great shaggy purple flowers are made up of petals that are curled and twisted so that the flowers resemble fine purple chrysanthemums. The flowers are carried on stems of good length. The plants have a spreading habit, similar to that of Branching Asters. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **THE NEW AZURE BLUE CREGO**

This aster is to-day the Premier of all Lavender Asters. Like all flowers of the Crego class, the petals of this aster are narrow, very long and gracefully reflexed. The plants are unusually strong growers, bearing magnificent large flowers 6 to 8 inches in diameter, on long, strong stems. The color is a beautiful light lavender. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **PEERLESS PINK**

This is conceded to be the finest pink late-branching aster ever offered. The plants are of robust, free-branching habit, 24 to 30 inches high, bearing their magnificent blooms on strong stems, averaging 18 inches in length, and it is hard to find a flower under four inches across, and many measure five inches by two and a half in depth, forming an almost globular flower. The color is a rich shell pink. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **NEW RED ASTER SENSATION**

The reddest of all red asters, the color being a dark rich garnet or ox blood red which glistens in the sunshine like a live coal. The plants are of the free branching habit, about 18 inches high, the double flowers averaging about 3 inches in diameter are borne freely on stems about 12 inches long. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **HEART OF FRANCE**

A new bright red aster, another new introduction that is giving wonderful satisfaction. It is a large, vigorous growing plant, bearing flowers very much like the Peerless asters. Color, deep, rich velvety red. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

## **MORETON PINK ASTER**

The Moreton Pink is a fine deep pink aster. It is a new color in asters, and a most attractive one. It is a pink like Daybreak, but deeper, richer and more glowing. The plant is of branching habit, with large, loosely arranged flowers of the Crego or Comet type. Price of plants, 35c per dozen.

**For Cash with order I will give 4 plants of each variety of asters, 56 plants, for 70 cents.** All plants included in this special offer will be bunched together in one package and not labeled. If you want to make your own selection and have them in separate packages and labeled, the price is 35c per dozen.

**Special \$1.05 offer.** Six of each kind bunched together in one package and not labeled.



**Special \$2.25 offer.** Twelve plants of each kind of asters put up in separate packages and labeled.

On account of the long delays in delivering and collecting C. O. D. orders and the expensive bookkeeping this method calls for, **I have decided to adopt the Cash with order plan.**

All orders for aster plants are filled and shipped from the down-town branch at 40 North Street. No plants are sold at the farm and no plants will be sold on **SUNDAY.**

To hasten delivery I advise that you have your aster plants sent SPECIAL DELIVERY. On all Special Delivery orders I will send Free with the order one dozen mixed dwarf aster plants to reimburse you for the extra expense.

For the past three years a new strange disease has affected the asters. This disease is found everywhere in the United States where asters are grown.

Leading specialists on plant diseases have discovered that this disease has been carried along by infected seed.

They have been experimenting for three years to discover a method that would destroy the germs of this disease that would not kill the seed.

In the summer of 1920 a positive method was discovered that will kill the germs on the seed and immune the plant from the infection.

In all of these experiments I have co-operated with them, and I know personally from the experiments on my own farms that this treatment is effective.

This year I am treating every seed I sow by this new method. I am also putting the plants on ground where asters have not been grown before.

This year I will guarantee every plant that I send out to be free from this disease.

If you purchase plants from me that show this disease I will refund the purchase price.

You are not safe in purchasing plants from any grower who has not immuned his seed by this new method.

**CULTURE**—Asters will thrive in any good soil, prepared the same as you would for a crop of vegetables, but it is well to remember that any extra care taken in the preparation of the soil is repaid by finer plants, larger blooms, with longer stems and more profuse flowering. They should have an open, sunny position and prefer a good heavy loam soil, enriched with a liberal quantity of pulverized sheep manure and the addition of wood ashes or air-slacked lime. This should be applied broadcast at the rate of 10 pounds to the square rod, at least one week before transplanting. **Do not put in trench when setting out the asters as it will burn the plants.** I do not advise growing asters on the same ground two years in succession.